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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS (DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE IMPOSSIBLE TO  
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TAGS: PFOR,PINS,MOPS,CU,AO,BB

SUBJ: CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA

REF: STATE 010646

1. I HAVE USED ANGOLAN SITREPS IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS  
WITH PRIMIN BARROW AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
MOE. DCM SIMMS HAS SIMILARLY USED SOME OF THE INFORMATION  
IN TALKING WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS FORDE AND PARLIAMENTARY SEC IN PRIMIN'S  
OFFICE BRATHWAITE. BRATHWAITE, WHO IS UNRESERVEDLY PRO-  
AMERICAN, EXPRESSED VIEW THAT US SHOULD OPPOSE CUBAN-SOVIET  
INTERVENTION WITH EVERY MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL. OTHERS MEN-  
TIONED ABOVE DID NOT OFFER ANY COMMENT THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE  
TO DEPARTMENT'S THINKING ON THE PROBLEM.

2. IT MIGHT WELL BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO TRY TO MAKE MORE  
EXTENSIVE USE OF SITREPS IN BARBADOS. REVELATION OF CUBAN  
TROOP AIRLIFT AND GOB PROTEST HAS LED TO MARKEDLY INCREASED  
INTEREST IN PRESS IN EXISTENCE OF US NAVAL FACILITY HERE.  
CRITICS OF GOB FOREIGN POLICY CONTEND THAT PERMITTING  
OPERATION OF BASE IS AS UNNEUTRAL AN ACT AS ALLOWING CUBANS  
TO USE BARBADOS AS TRANSIT POINT FOR MOVEMENT OF TROOPS TO  
ANGOLA AND, MOREOVER, EXPOSES BARBADOS TO ATTACK IN EVENT  
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